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> **WOODSIDE NAMED**
> **AS GYPSY ALAMO**
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> **Ustiben reports:**
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> **A reporter and photographer from**
> **the Beds on Sunday founded that there**
> **are now over 70 trailers at >WOODSIDE<**
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> **Their report appears today:**
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> **GYPSY ALAMO**
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> **GYPSIES at Hatch are barricading themselves**
> **in to prevent the council evicting them.**
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> **They say they will turn Woodside Carvan Park**
> **into the 'Gypsy Almo'.**
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> **After losing another planning appeal, residents**
> **have fortified the site in a bid to prevent attempts**
> **to forcibly remove them.**
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> **On Friday they began to secure the site and plan**
> **to erect a large marquee and small tents to house**
> **the 600 - 1,000 supporters expected to join them.**
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> **They have begun to erect barricades using cars,**
> **trucks, planks of wood and banners in a bid to**
> **prevent any council contractors getting onto the**
> **site.**
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> **They plan to block the entrances with human**
> **shields and lorries full of concrete. The boundaries**
> **are already blocked with mounds of earth and ditches,**
> **deepened with the use of a hired digger.**
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> **Up to 70 civil rights groups, including the Anti-Nazi**

> League and the Jewish Socialist Group, are expected.

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> (Ustiben adds: support is also pledged by Europe-Roma,
> Gypsy Council for Culture, Education and Civil Rights,
> Roma Opre, Roma Support Group, Irish Travellers
> Movement, Friends, Families and Travellers and the
> Trans-European Roma Federation, as well as the
> Labour Party Campaign for Travellers Rights.)

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> Park spokesman Clifford Codona said, "We will not be moved".

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> "We have set up barricades and ditches all around the site
> and I will not leave here unless I'm dragged handcuffed into
> a police car and even that won't stop me.

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> "We've arranged for food parcels to be dropped here by a friend
> with a helicopter.

> "We know weapons are illegal but how about dozens of boxes
> of tomatoes to throw? The council wants to kick us out of our home.
> They won't. We are turning this into a Gypsy Alamo."

> Another resident said: "Look what they've done to us. I wasn't
> ever ill before I came here - the stress we are under is immense.e
> "We just want a peaceful life."

> This week Secretary of State John Prescott dismissed appeals
> against a group of planning applications by residents
> for permanent caravans on the site.

> A judicial review of Mid Bedfordshire District Council's
> decision to undertake enforcement action against the
> residents will be heard in the High Court tomorrow (24 June).
> If the council wins, it will be free to remove caravans and
> other buildings by force. Mid Bedfordshire Council
> declined to comment.

> Picture shows Gypsy children at a barricade.

> CLIFF CODONA APPEAL

> Please voice your opposition to this act of "ethnic cleansing-UK style

> 1) email members of Beds Council hendryp@csd.bedfordshire
> brian.e.collier@uk.uumail.com

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> 2) send in your TELEPHONE NUMBER or email so you can get a RED ALERT
> eviction starts

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> 3) come to the High Court, Strand, London, on Monday or Tuesday (24, 25
> June) to picket

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> 4) come to Woodside, Hatch, near Sandy, close to A1, with a trailer caravan
> or tent.

> Or you can stay in the marquee - and enjoy singsongs around the camp
> fire - before

> the council come early morning. Pleant of room for trailers and

> holiday caravans.

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> This stand we are making here is for ALL TRAVELLERS IN THE UK, and EUROPE

> Our stand will help bring attention to our cause and is in support of the

> TRAVELLER

> LAW REFORM BILL, a version of which gets a First Hearing in the House of

> Commons on 10 July.

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> SO THIS IS IT!! JOIN THE GYPSY ALAMO. WE ARE WAITING FOR MORE VOTES

> TO COME IN!!

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> Gratton,

> Update of the (Woodside Gypsy Alamo)

> Change of heart everyone here is sticking together and fighting to the death.

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> This includes all the rest who are not part of the planning refusal and all

> the Irish Travellers as well.

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> We will not give in (No Retreat No surrender) We are figting for our homes

> and our familys future.

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> Hoping to see you on Monday at the Courts, have done a count of the number of

> people on site.

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> Total number of Adults are 129, Total number of children 94.

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> This is how many Human Beings that will be Draged off and made Homeless,

> Cliff.

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> PS, United we stand divided we fall,

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